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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231-9998

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified Patent Application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification after the Title with the following:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This Application claims the benefit of the filing date of International Application Serial No. US99/19490, filed on August 26, 1999, which, in turn, claims the benefit of the filing of Provisional Application 60/098,019, filed on August 26, 1998.